

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS STATING ITS
SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
TRAIL (U.S.BICYCLE ROUTE 45).**

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, presently contributing approximately \$47 billion dollars a year nationally to the economies of communities that provide facilities for said tourism; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor along the Mississippi River to be developed as United States Bike Route 45; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has convened several public meetings during the previous eighteen months locally and throughout the river's corridor to gather information, review route alternatives and to provide assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation in cooperation with road and trail authorities have proposed a specific route to be designated as the Mississippi River Trail (USBR 45), a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Mississippi River Trail (USBR 45) traverses through the City of Minneapolis and is expected to provide a benefit to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation will continue to maintain statewide mapping and information regarding Mississippi River Trail (USBR 45), convene meetings and facilitate the resolution of issues and future alignment revisions within the State,

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis has duly considered said proposed route and determined it to be a suitable route through the City of Minneapolis and desire that the route be formally designated so that it can be appropriately mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism locally and throughout Minnesota along the Mississippi River.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City of Minneapolis hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of the Mississippi River Trail (USBR 45) and requests that the appropriate government officials take action to officially designate the route accordingly.